Amherst Coll Nov 30, 1859

To the Soc of Inqy.
in Princeton Theol. Sem.

Dear Brethren

Yours of the 26th of Aug. duly reached us, and with much pleasure was presented to the society; and if we should again address you upon the same topics which you mentioned in your communication were the themes in our last; we should be obliged upon each individually to write the same things - though perhaps with a darker coloring. The visititations of Gods providence has been among us by sickness and death; the cause of Missions perhaps a little more encouraging; the state of religious feeling in College as dull and cold - but it has not been always so since our last. Soon after, we note the feelings and prayers of some few devoted brethren began to be more deep, and ardent; though the judgments of God did not seem to awaken us, still we had hope in his mercy; this feeling was confined to a few during that term, and did not increase much till some time ~~past~~ after the colege fast in Feb. it then gradually became more extensive and it evidently appeared that God was about to work a work of grace among us; and for sometime it seemed doubtful which way the case would turn, but the Lord who is faithful to his people, in answer to fervent and persevering prayer saw fit to visit us with a few drops of divine ~~grace~~ love, and made some trophies of his all conquering grace. It was indeed a solemn time, the calls of Gods spirit were loud both to the christian and the sinner, some of the christians heeded it, and recieved an impulse that will never cease to urge them on in the performance of duty; others aroused up as when one dreameth being disturbed by the noise among the dry bones, but their slumbers soon closed over them and they still sleep on; and, we fear that many professors will continue to sleep until the sound of the last trump, and then awake only to call upon the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them &c. Some sinners were alarmed & stept in while there was room, and now are rejoicing in hope; others whom we ~~hoped~~ hoped had taken up their harps to sing the everlasting song of redeeming grace, have been allured by the joys of earth to lay them down, and forget that song which we hoped so fondly would have been immortal, and now are reveling in sensuality and sin. Others were alarmed yet would not yield, and we fear it was their last call; ~~To~~ to one we have melancholy proof that it was, for he was a few days ago suddenly called to the bar of God; A few months ago he was weighed down with a sense of his sins, but he grieved the spirit to depart, and soon his laugh was the loudest in the merry group but death suddenly silenced it forever; —

A few days after another died, a faithful servant of the Saviour; in the triumphs of faith he went to receive brighter rays of Gods Spirit from before the throne, and engage in a higher and nobler service above —— Thus God has come into our midst and taken two this term, and we fear that these admonitions have not been sanctified as they should be; But Pray earnestly for us that God may again visit us, for Zion mourns, the wicked are bold, yet God can revive us, and subdue even his enemies. O how strange that we so soon should grow cold & remiss in duty! Our meetings are usualy well attended, and interesting, our weekly prayer meetings also. The missionary spirit is also rather languid we often inquire into the wants of the world, but we fear that we enter upon these investigations as we do upon other duties simply because it is a duty, we see the wants of the world we hear the command of our ascending Lord, but we excuse ourselves, and put the burden and labor upon oth shoulders, We hear of the trials of the missionary of the cross, a the qualifications which are requisite, we shrink fro the task and make any apology answer to ward off claims of the heathen from us, and to drown the groa of the hundreds of millions that arise as they descend bottomless pit. We have a Soc. of Friends in coll. whi numbers seven or eight who have decided to be missionaries if providence permit, We need some that the spirit of missions may increase, and of mercy might break upon us a sinners, comfort saints.

Yours in Christi[illegible]n bonds
On behalf of the Soc. of Inqu. in Amh. Coll.
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revival last spring —